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1. ALTHOUGH IT TRUE THAT SWAPO IS BY FAR MOST SIGNIFICANT OF AFRICAN AND COLORED OPPOSITION GROUPS IN NAMIBIA, OTHER GROUPS, SUCH AS SWANU, BASTER VOKSPARTEI, ETC. DO EXIST IN THE TERRITORY AND PARTICIPATE ALONG WITH SWAPO IN NAMIBIAN NATIONAL CONVENTION (NNC). MOST LEADERS OF NNC VERY MUCH RESENT FACT THAT SWAPO IS ONLY NAMIBIAN GROUP RECOGNIZED BY UN AND OAU.

2. ALL OF GROUPS CONPRISING NNC ARE ETHNICALLY BASED, WHICH, BECAUSE OF GROUPS' COMPETING INTERESTS AND MUTUAL DISTRUST, LARGELY ACCOUNTS FOR FAILURE OF NNC TO GET OFF GROUND SINCE ITS INCEPTION TWO YEARS AGO.

3. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT, DESPITE FACT SWAPO'S NATIONAL CHAIRMAN, DAVID MERORO, IS HERERO, SWAPO IS ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY AN OVAMBO ORGANIZATION. FROM OUR NUMEROUS VISITS TO, AND

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CONTACTS IN, NAMIBIA, IT IS CLEAR TO US THAT SWAPO HAS HAD NO

NOTICEABLE IMPACT OUTSIDE OWAMBO OR AFRICAN TOWNSHIPS AT
WINDHOEK OR WALVIS BAY, WHERE RELATIVELY LARGE NUMBERS OF
OVAMBO MIGRANT WORKERS ARE HOUSED. THUS BY NO MEANS CAN SWAPO
BE SAID TO SPEAK FOR ALL OF THE NON-WHITE PEOPLE LIVING
IN NAMIBIA.
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